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The new store, th
announced, will be on
mercantile establishm

Asheville. The stocks

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Cunningham left Sun

more to purchase add

for the combined store.

Thus the store will probably

as large a stock of merchandise,

management announces, as any

west of Asheville. The Cash S

in the past has taken a pride in ke

ing a complete stock of new goods

hand at all times, representatives

the firm making three or four t

to market annually; and in fu

the bigger store expects to be

to offer its customers an even w

choice of articles.

The two stores will be opera

separately for the present, but

be consolidated in the course of

next 30 days in the Bank of Frank

store room formerly occupied by

Trotter. The store has a lease on

room occupied by the Cash Store, a

just what concern will occupy t

room has not been announced.

Mr. Trotter, in business a th

of a century here, expressed v

sincere regret at releasing his b

ness, and stated that many of

customers had also expressed re

at the fact that he was striking

name from the list of merchants

Franklin.

Mr. Trotter has not announced

plans for the future.

FIGHTING FIRES IN MOUNTAINS

Lonely Guard On Nantabala Holds Demon Fire Single Handed Until Aid Arrives From Outside.

By Thomas W. Alexander

A fighter of fires that spread into miles of roaring flames, where fire fighting equipment is not water and hose and chemical equipment—but is pitch forks, cross cut saws, axes or anything that can be used to stop the onward rush of a mountain forest fire—Gilmer Setser, fire-guard with the United States forest service on Nantahala national forest, comes down in rainy and snowy times from his lonely lookout station to pass the time of day with folks below in Franklin, where the forest's headquarters are maintained.

Stolen Socks Cause

Setser, one of the 50 such watchmen guarding the 1,850,000 acres of national forest lands in Tennessee, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Georgia and South Carolina, who has been on Winespring Bald watching for fires for four years, has seen many a burst of flame that meant the destruction of thousands of dollars worth of hemlock, oak and chestnut timber; but the worst fire he ever remembers seeing, and the one that brought him promotion from a mere fire guard on Standing Indian to chief fire guard at Wilson Lick Ranger station—all started, so he believes, over a pair of stolen socks, worth perhaps 25 cents, and swept over an area of 10,000 acres of virgin timber land. The Chicago cow didn't do much more for fire fighters!

The socks were stolen from a tiny cabin, set in the wilderness at the head of Nantabala river, which was used as an overnight stopping place for government officials, stock hunters, and herb diggers. The forest ranger in charge of the district, R. C. Brown, kept a change of clothing and a small supply of rations at the cabin for emergency use if, out cruising timber, he should get caught in a storm and find himself

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